

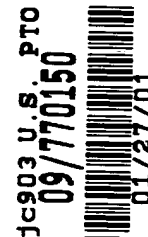
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Sir,

Please file the following enclosed patent application papers:

Applicant Name: Brian L. Whitworth

Title: VIRTUAL PICTURE HANGING VIA THE INTERNET

☒ Specification, Claims, and Abstract: Number of Sheets: 32

☒ Declaration: Date Signed: 01/27/2001

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☒ Pursuant to 35 USC §11 9(e)(i), applicant(s) claim priority of Provisional Patent Application

Serial Number 60/178,863, filed 01/29/2000

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Very respectfully,

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**Fee Transmittal**

First-Named Applicant: Brian L. Whitworth

Title of Invention: "VIRTUAL PICTURE HANGING VIA THE INTERNET"

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Enclosed is the following small entity filing fee for the above patent application:

Fee Code	Fee Description	Fee (\$)
214	Provisional Pat Application Filing Fee	<u>0</u>
201	Basic Utility Application Filing Fee	<u>0</u>
206	Basic Design Application Filing Fee	<u>355</u>
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Re application of Whitworth, Brian L.**  
**Serial No.: 09/770,150**  
**Filed 01/27/2001**  
**For: Virtual Picture Hanging Via the Internet**

Art Unit: 3625  
Examiner: Thein, Marissa

Dear Ms Thein:

This communication is filed in response to the Office Action dated March 16, 2004.

**Election/Restrictions**

In paragraph 1 of the Office Action, it was asserted that the above-referenced application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct inventions:

- I. Claims 1-32, drawn to a method of displaying an image of an item for sale or auction, classified in class 705, subclass 27.
- II. Claims 33-41, drawn to a method of simulating the appearance of one or more items for sale or auction, classified in class 705, subclass 27.
- III. Claims 42-44, drawn to a method of selecting candidate items for possible purchase, classified in class 705, subclass 26.

I, the applicant, elect Group I (claims 1-32) for prosecution on the merits.

In addition, please note that my contact information has changed. I previously filed a form SB/122 on March 1, 2004 and have included a copy with this response.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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